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Subject: New Oil Depot at Ziersdorf

25X1 1. Since 21 December 1951 the petroleum from the AMV depot in Ziersdorf has been loaded by day-and-night shifts into tank trucks and transported to the CRS.

25X1 2. Four or five days previous the thick oil was warmed by means of an iron, spiral pipe led from a locomotive and thus made liquid. At present a single pumping station empties four tanks at a time.

3. There is a strong guard of nine company police commanded by Joseph Meixner, a discharged police official, born 15 February 1915. He served in nearby Ravelsbach and was discharged from the police service for dereliction of duty.

New Oil Depot at Ziersdorf, near the Ziegelei Biela

On the land of the Ziegelei Biela north east of the Ziersdorf station the Russians have constructed a new, double-basin oil storage pit with a capacity of about 30,000 cu. m., and lined with ordinary clay. They are from 3 to 8 m. deep. The oil level of the pond nearest the tracks is 25 cm and that of the second 2 meters above the level of the rails. The front pit is filled by gravity through a metal-lined wooden sluice and the other by means of a steam pump. The wooden sluice runs over two iron pipes about 200 mm in diameter. The steam line for the pump is about 80 mm in diameter and is often connected to a locomotive.

A man-high wire fence about five meters from the crown of the dike runs almost all the way around the pits. Shovels and hand fire extinguishers have been provided fire protection.

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